

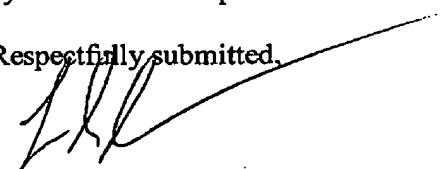
REMARKS

In the October 18, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-3 and 5-9 but finalized the rejections of claims 10-11 and 13-18 on various prior art grounds.

Although applicants disagree with the Examiner's reasoning for the claim rejections, applicants have hereby cancelled the rejected claims 10-11 and 13-18, for the purpose of expediting the allowance of the present application. Please note that the cancellation of claims 10-11 and 13-19 herein is with express reservation of the right to file a continuation or continuation-in-part patent application directed to the subject matter of such cancelled claims, during the pendency of the present application or during the pendency of a further continuation or continuation-in-part patent application that is based on and claiming the priority of the present application.

Correspondingly, the remaining claims 1-3 and 5-9 are in condition for allowance, and applicants hereby request the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for the present application. If any issues remain outstanding, incident to the formal allowance of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (516) 742-4343 to discuss same, in order that this application may be allowed and passed to issue at an early date.

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